

**Amendments To The Specification:**

Replace paragraph [0020] of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

[0020] The foregoing limitations in cargo and freight restraint have been addressed by the applicant here through the invention of certain flexible strip or bands of reinforced or monolithic materials that have been disclosed in the following four of applicant's ~~now-pending~~ applications for patent filed on December 9, 2003; ~~and entitled~~ Serial Number 10/730,024 "Laminated Cargo Restraint System and Method" which issues as Patent Number 6,923,609 on August 2, 2005, Serial Number 10/730,025 "Monolithic Cargo Restraint System and Method[,]" which issued as Patent Number 6,896,459, currently pending Serial Number 10/730,042 "Cross-Weave Cargo Restraint System and Method," and currently pending Serial Number 10/730,040 "Cargo Restraint System and Method." The disclosures of these applications are hereby incorporated by reference as though set forth at length. These stronger and less elastic flexible restraining strips provide enhanced tension systems that will require more uniform tension and higher tension in order to fully utilize the advances provided by these flexible restraining strips.

Replace paragraph [0056] of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

[0056] The first, cross-weave layer of reinforcement further includes an outer coating 68 which adheres to the cross-weave and is preferably a thin layer of ~~Mylar~~

MYLAR®, although other materials may be used. The coating provides dimensional rigidity to the cross-weave and a protective clear or opaque coating.

Replace paragraph [0058] of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

[0058] In addition to the first, cross-weave layer of reinforcement material 50 the subject invention includes a second, reinforcement layer 70 which is composed with a plurality of parallel strands 72. As shown more particularly in Figure 4 each of the strands 72 is composed of a plurality of finer denier strands 74 of reinforcing material. The reinforcement strands 74 may be composed of fine polyester fibers, polypropylene, polyethylene, polyolefin, glass fiber, aramids including ~~Kevlar~~ KEVLAR®, carbon fibers, and the like. ~~Kevlar~~ KEVLAR® is a polyamide in which all the amide groups are separated by para-phenylene groups. ~~Kevlar~~ KEVLAR® is a registered trademark of the DuPont Company of Wilmington, Delaware. Individual strand bundles 72 are directly abutted against and adhered to the second or outer surface of the first adhesive layer 64 as shown in Figures 4.

Replace paragraph [0061] of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

[0061] The second layer of adhesive 80 may be composed with a core or substrate member 84. The substrate may be a ~~Mylar~~ MYLAR® material or a porous material to enable the adhesive layers of the second adhesive component to bond together.